

# Norton Blue Jays dominate in regional tournament

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152 - Mike Kasson was seeded No.3. He drew a bye; won a 9-7 decision over Jonathan Markland, Atwood; pinned Trevor Desaire, Plainville, in 4:17 and upset No.1 seed and previously unbeaten Clint Rogers, Smith Center, 4-1 to win the championship.

No.2 seed Chris Anderson, Oberlin, placed third with a 7-2 decision over Desaire.

Kasson is now 26-10 for the season. Rogers' record fell to 35-1.

160 - Kendall Miller was seeded No.1. He drew a bye, pinned Erich Eisenbise, Holcomb, in 1:38; pinned Jared Pfeifer, Ellis, in 3:29 and pinned No.3 seed Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg, in 1:36 to win the championship.

Pfeifer placed third with a 6-5 decision over No.2 seed Tabor Erickson, Oberlin. Miller's record so far is 31-7. Kohler is 26-16.

170 - Cole Renner was seeded No.2. He pinned Triston Morgan, Hoxie, in 1:26; pinned Dajuen Chapman, Hill City, in 4:45; pinned No.3 seed Grant Gilliam, Oberlin, in 3:15 and placed runner-up with a 17-2 technical fall loss to No.1 seed Dylan Wiesner, Plainville.

Third place went to Gilliam with a 4-0 win over Chapman.

Renner is now 33-10 for the season. Wiesner is 33-2 and Gilliam is 31-10.

182 - Norton was open. No.2 seed Brice Mason, Wichita County, won the championship by pinning No.1 seed Rex Diederich, Oberlin, in 1:27. Andrew Makings, Phillipsburg, placed third with a 3-2 decision over Jared Burrows, Lakin.

Mason is now 33-3 and Diederich is 26-4.

195 - Kolton Harting was seeded No.3. He drew a bye; pinned Dayton

Kempt, Oberlin, in 1:05; lost a 10-0 major decision to No.2 seed Seth Boswell, Phillipsburg; pinned Dylan Haas, Ellis, in 2:14 and pinned Colton Northrup, Wichita County, in 5:37 to place third.

No.1 seed A.J. Cooper, Cimarron, won the championship with a 2-0 decision over No.2 seed Seth Boswell, Phillipsburg.

Harting is now 11-5 for the season. Cooper is 27-5 and Boswell is 23-13.

220 - Jacob Green was seeded No.2. He drew a bye, pinned Braden Higdon, Stockton, in 1:31; won a 5-3 decision over No.3 seed Dylan Gassmann, Oakley and lost a 6-3 decision to No.1 seed Luke Jacobs, Phillipsburg, to place runner-up.

Gassman placed third with an 8-2 decision over Skyler Tebo, Ellis.

Green is now 30-7 for the season and Jacobs is 35-5. Gassman is 18-6.

285 - Jordan Dole lost his first match by a fall in 5:03 to Mason Rains, Oakley; pinned Sam Massey, Sublette, in 1:57; won a 9-6 decision over Taten Pulec, Stockton and was pinned in 4:41 by No.3 seed Donovan Lumpkin, Phillipsburg.

Dole's season ended with a 11-13 record.

Zach Crick, Montezuma-South Gray, the No.1 seed, won the championship by pinning Rains in 1:25. Lumpkin placed third by pinning Shakotah Blanka, St. Francis, in 1:51.

Crick is now 32-4 for the season.

### State Tournament

The Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

The first round will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday on four mats and will be followed by the second round championship quarter-finals at 1 p.m. on four mats.

The championship semi-finals will begin at 3 p.m. on two mats.

Wrestling will continue on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. with the first round consolation on four mats. The consolation cross bracket wrestling will be on four mats and will begin at 11 a.m. The consolation quarter-finals will begin at 12:45 p.m. on four mats.

At 3 p.m., the consolation semi-finals will be held on four mats.

The fifth place matches will be held on four mats and will begin at 4:15 p.m. The consolation finals will begin at 5:30 p.m. on two mats.

The Parade of Champions will be held 40 minutes after the conclusion of the consolation finals and will be followed by the championship finals wrestled on one mat.

### First round opponents

106 - Skylar Johnson (23-2) vs. Michael Marsh, Silver Lake junior, 25-12.

113 - Branson Addington (28-6) vs. Wellington sophomore Gage Leckner, 23-7.

132 - Toby Nickell (8-9) vs. Jake Gentry, Rossville senior, 31-11.

138 - Alec Hager (38-5) vs. Mikey Aguilar, Stafford sophomore, 32-9.

145 - Jared Tallent (36-8) vs. Logan Sherman, Fredonia junior, 21-11.

152 - Mike Kasson (26-10) vs. Chase Ridder, St. George-Rock Creek junior, 34-14.

160 - Kendall Miller (31-7) vs. Paul Holt, Burlingame, 21-14.

170 - Cole Renner (33-10) vs. Austin McHenry, Hoisington sophomore, 37-7.

195 - Kolton Harting (11-5) vs. Avery Urban, Hoisington senior, 37-4.

220 - Jacob Green (30-7) vs. Gabe Forrestt, Burlingame sophomore, 20-8.

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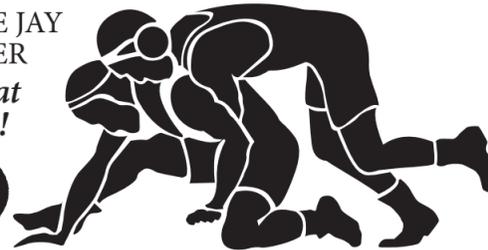


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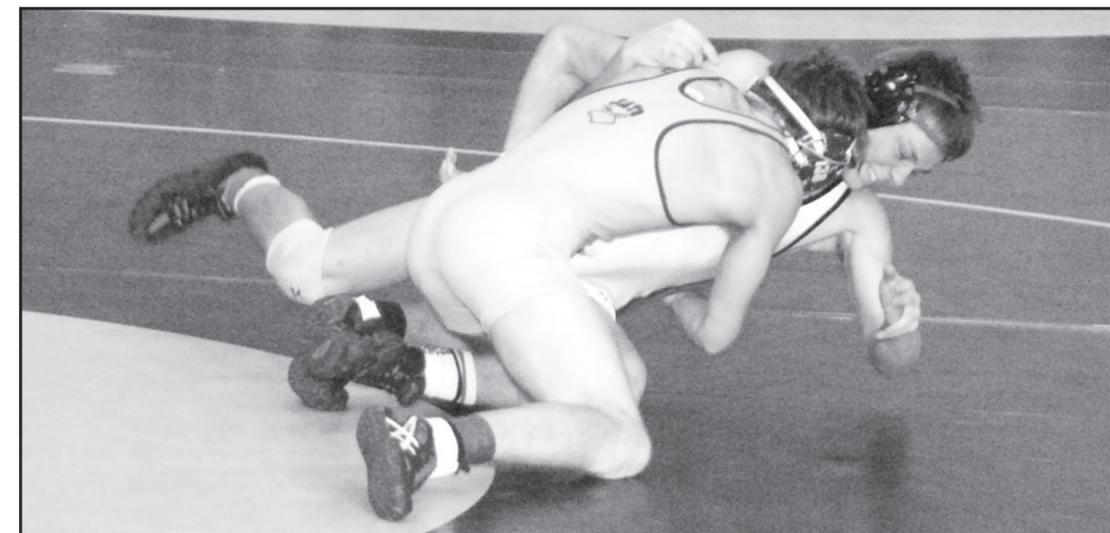
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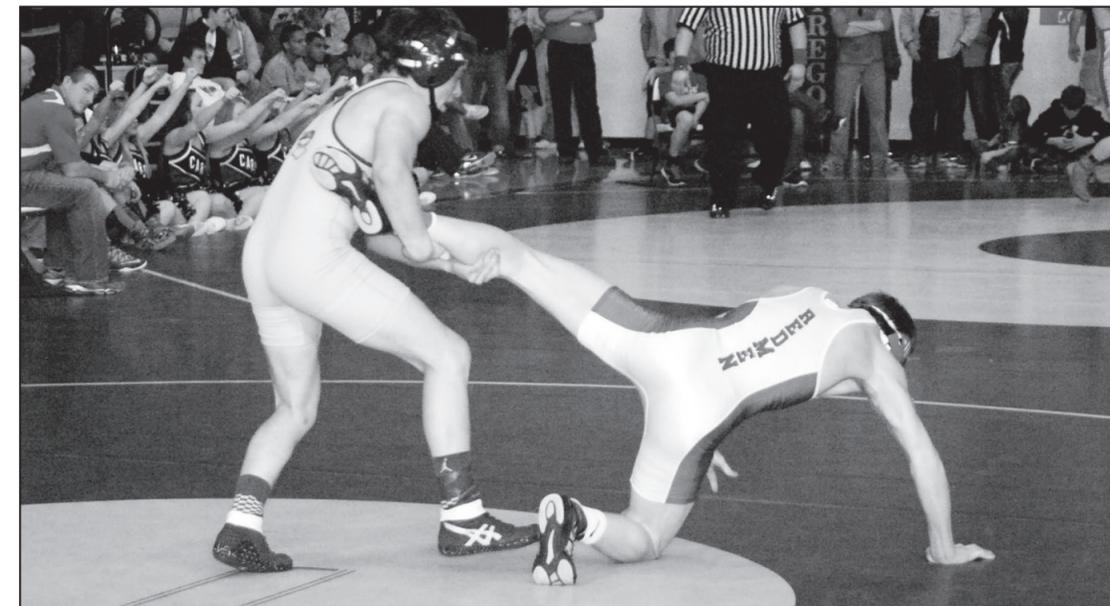
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Norton's Alec Hager was seeded No. 1 at 138 pounds but trailed with his 138 pound championship match with No. 3 seed Rhett Mizer, Atwood, winding down. Alec is shown

here scoring an escape and a takedown with 6.7 seconds left to win 5-4!

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Blue Jay Mike Kasson gets a take down during his 4-1 championship win over No. 1 seed Clint Rogers, Smith Center. It was Rogers' first loss of the season! Mike was

chosen "Co-Wrestler of the Week" by the Norton coaches for his performance in the tournament.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



As the official observes, Norton's 170 pound wrestler Cole Renner pins Grant Gilliam, Oberlin, in the championship

semi-finals.

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